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The Honorable Ricardo Cordova
Presiding Judge
The Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus
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Judge Cordova,

I write today to encourage you to consider naming the planned Superior Court of California in Stanislaus County after fallen local hero Newman Police Corporal Ronil Singh. Corporal Singh gave his life while serving the people of Stanislaus County in the line of duty, and it is only fitting that the new courthouse bear his name.

As you may know, Corporal Ronil Singh immigrated to the United States from Fiji, where he dreamed of becoming a police officer. Singh volunteered with the Modesto Police Department and went on to serve as a Code Enforcement Officer for the Turlock Police Department. After graduating from the police academy, he served as a custodial deputy sheriff with Merced County and then as a Corporal for the Newman Police Department.

Corporal Singh was killed in the line of duty on December 26, 2018 while conducting a vehicle stop. He leaves behind his wife and son. I have spoken with Corporal Singh's widow, Anamika, who agrees that naming the new courthouse in his honor would be an appropriate tribute.

The new courthouse ought to signify the spirit of justice Corporal Singh embodied. Courthouses are typically named after individuals who have made a significant contribution to their community – Corporal Singh certainly fits that bill. It would be a proper honor to add his name to the new courthouse.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this request. My office stands ready to assist with the application process to the Judicial Council.

Sincerely,



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